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## Letter dated 16 June 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to paragraph 26 of Security Council resolution 2164 (2014), I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale dated 9 June 2015 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations transmitting the report to the Security Council on the actions taken by the French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali between 24 February and 19 May 2015 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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## Annex

[Original: French]

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations Secretariat and has the honour to transmit the following information.

Pursuant to paragraph 26 of Security Council resolution 2164 (2014), please find enclosed the report on actions undertaken between 24 February and 19 May 2015 by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

I should be grateful if you could bring the present report to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

## Enclosure

### Report on operational support provided by French forces to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from 24 February to 19 May 2015

Pursuant to paragraph 26 of Security Council resolution 2164 (2014), please find below the report on actions undertaken by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), from 24 February to 19 May 2015.

The report is the fourth of its kind since the adoption of resolution 2164 (2014), and the eighth since MINUSMA was established.

Previously, France submitted four reports to the Security Council which outlined six combat actions undertaken in response to "an imminent and serious threat" to MINUSMA.

Since 24 February 2015, no combat action has been undertaken in response to an "imminent and serious threat".

Nonetheless, French forces provided support to MINUSMA in several areas:

- Through many joint patrols and the direct support of French specialists (explosive ordnance disposal, medical teams, intelligence), the French liaison and operational support detachments deployed in support of MINUSMA battalions participate daily in fulfilling their mission to control the major cities and highways in the north of Mali, and improve the security situation for the inhabitants of the region. They also conduct training sessions for MINUSMA battalions in various operational areas, including shooting, tactical planning and explosives.
- At the request of MINUSMA, the Barkhane force has carried out 10 aerial shows of presence in the Ménaka area since 10 May 2015.
- As part of the support provided by French forces in caring for wounded MINUSMA elements, two health support missions were undertaken:
  - On 17 March, at the request of MINUSMA, a Dutch pilot deployed with MINUSMA was airlifted by a French helicopter ambulance following the crash of a MINUSMA Apache attack helicopter.
  - On 24 March, following an explosion on the runway in Kidal, a French peacekeeper deployed with MINUSMA was airlifted by a French helicopter ambulance and underwent surgery at the role II hospital in Gao.

In addition, Operation Barkhane provides community health services at its outposts, such as the one in Tessalit, to some MINUSMA personnel on an ad hoc basis.